

necessary, EPA will issue a response. Frivolous or insubstantial requests for a hearing may be denied by the Regional Administrator. However, if a substantial request for a public hearing is made by April 16, 2004, a public hearing will be held.

A request for public hearing shall include the following: (1) The name, address, and telephone number of the individual, organization, or other entity requesting a hearing; (2) a brief statement of the requesting person's interest in the Regional Administrator's determination and of information that the requesting person intends to submit at such a hearing; and (3) the signature of the individual making the request; or, if the request is made on behalf of an organization or other entity, the signature of a responsible official of the organization or other entity.

Dated: March 8, 2004.

**Thomas Valtaggio,**

*Acting Regional Administrator, EPA Region III.*

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## OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY

### Meeting of the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice sets forth the schedule and summary agenda for a meeting of the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST), and describes the functions of the Council. Notice of this meeting is required under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA).

**DATES AND PLACE:** March 30, 2004, Washington, DC. The meeting will be held in the Crystal Ballroom of the St. Regis Hotel, 923 16th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20006.

**TYPE OF MEETING:** Open. Further details on the agenda will be posted on the PCAST Web site at: <http://www.ostp.gov/PCAST/pcast.html>.

**PROPOSED SCHEDULE AND AGENDA:** The President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology is scheduled to meet in open session on Tuesday, March 30, 2004, at approximately 9 a.m. The PCAST is tentatively scheduled to: (1) Discuss a draft report from its workforce-education subcommittee; and (2) continue its discussion of nanotechnology and its review of the federal National Nanotechnology Initiative through presentations and discussions concerning the management

of the potential environmental and health effects of nanoscale materials. This session will end at approximately 5 p.m. Additional information on the agenda will be posted at the PCAST Web site at: <http://www.ostp.gov/PCAST/pcast.html>.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** There will be time allocated for the public to speak on the above agenda items. This public comment time is designed for substantive commentary on PCAST's work topics, not for business marketing purposes. Please submit a request for the opportunity to make a public comment five (5) days in advance of the meeting. The time for public comments will be limited to no more than 5 minutes per person. Written comments are also welcome at any time following the meeting. Please notify Stan Sokul, PCAST Executive Director, at (202) 456-6070, or fax your request/comments to (202) 456-6021.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For information regarding time, place and agenda, please call Stan Sokul at (202) 456-6070, prior to 3 p.m. on Monday, March 29, 2004. Information will also be available at the PCAST Web site at: <http://www.ostp.gov/PCAST/pcast.html>. Please note that public seating for this meeting is limited and is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology was established by Executive Order 13226, on September 30, 2001. The purpose of PCAST is to advise the President on matters of science and technology policy, and to assist the President's National Science and Technology Council in securing private sector participation in its activities. The Council members are distinguished individuals appointed by the President from non-Federal sectors. The PCAST is co-chaired by Dr. John H. Marburger, III, the Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy, and by E. Floyd Kvamme, a Partner at Kleiner Perkins Caufield & Byers.

**Stanley S. Sokul,**

*Executive Director, PCAST, and Counsel, Office of Science and Technology Policy.*

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## FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION

### Systematic Collection of Standardized Loan Data

**AGENCY:** Farm Credit Administration.

**ACTION:** Notice with request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** The Farm Credit Administration (FCA or agency) is seeking public input on the changes it should consider making to its systematic collection of standardized loan data. The agency currently collects basic descriptive information from Farm Credit System (FCS or System) banks and associations, in a standardized format, using the Loan Account Reporting System—Modified (LARS—M). The agency is planning to reengineer its collection of standardized loan data to meet its current and future information needs. In support of this reengineering project, FCA is seeking public comment on changes the agency should consider making to the loan data it collects; what processes and technological approaches to employ when collecting loan data; how to minimize the reporting burden on System institutions while meeting agency needs; and what types of standardized reports to make available to the general public and System institutions.

**DATES:** Please send your comments to the FCA by May 3, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** We encourage you to send comments by electronic mail to [reg-comm@fca.gov](mailto:reg-comm@fca.gov) or through the Pending Regulations section of FCA's Web site, <http://www.fca.gov>. You may also send comments to Andrew Jacob, Assistant Director, Office of Policy and Analysis, Farm Credit Administration, 1501 Farm Credit Drive, McLean, VA 22102-5090 or by facsimile to (703) 734-5784. You may review copies of all comments we receive at our office in McLean, Virginia.

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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

### I. Background

#### A. What Loan Data Does FCA Collect?

FCA currently collects certain standardized loan information from FCS banks and associations using the LARS—M. Examples of standardized variables collected include:

1. The date the loan was originated and the date on which it matures;